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1. EMBASSY AGREED TO CONVOCATORIA WORDING (REFTEL, PARA 2) FOR
UNIFORMITY WITH THE JOINT E & C COMMITTEE, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY
AGREED ON IDENTICAL WORDING TO MAKE CLEAR TO APPLICANTS THAT
THE JOINT COMMITTEE, NOT THE COMISION ASESORA WHICH PUBLISHED THE
CONVOCATORIA, IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY.

2. BY CLEARLY INVITING PROPOSALS ON AN EQUAL BASIS FROM A WIDE
RANGE OF SOURCES AND BY PLACING ULTIMATE AUTHORITY ON THE JOINT
COMMITTEE, THE SPANISH HAD HOPED TO AVOID CHARGES OF DISCRIMI-
NATION OR MANIPULATION, WHILE SIDESTEPPING AT LEAST UNTIL
COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSAL PROCESS THE DIFFICULT TASK OF
ALLOTING FUNDS AMONG SPANISH GOVT AGENCIES. THIS IS A
POSITION TO WHICH CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN
ATTACHED BY OUR SPANISH INTERLOCUTORS.

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3. WHILE A COMMITMENT TO EXAMINE EACH PROPOSAL ON ITS MERITS
MIGHT INDEED APPEAR LIKELY TO PRODUCE FRAGMENTATION, WE DO NOT
BELIEVE THIS NEED NECESSARILY COME TO PASS, SINCE THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY REPS ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE SHARE OUR COMMITMENT TO
SIGNIFICANT COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. WHILE THEY CANNOT SPEAK FOR
SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE AT THIS POINT, WE WILL DO
WHAT WE CAN TO HELP THEIR VIEWS PREVAIL.

4. REGARDING THE TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS
(REFTEL, PARA 4), IT MIGHT BE WISE TO POSTPONE ANY DECISION
FORECLOSING AUTOMATICALLY PROJECTS OUTSIDE GOVT AGENCY MANAGEMENT
SO AS NOT TO MISS OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE COOPERATION.
SUCH PROGRAMS WOULD LIKELY BE FEW IN NUMBER AND RELATIVELY INEXPEN-
SIVE. VIRTUALLY ALL SPANISH RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS (INCLUDING,
WE BELIEVE, EVERY UNIVERSITY DOING SCIENCE RESEARCH EXCEPT ONE)
ARE GOVT FUNDED AND COME UNDER AUTHORITY OF APPROPRIATE GOVT
MINISTRIES. STABLER

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